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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : CPRS, MX

SUBJECT : POSSIBLE PUBLIC ALLEGATIONS OF PRISON RIOT, NOGALES,  
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1. IN EVENT DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY ARE QUERIED ABOUT AN ALLEGED PRISON RIOT IN NOGALES, SONORA TODAY, FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS FURNISHED TO ANSWER ANY SUCH QUERIES.

2. DURING ROUTINE VISIT TODAY OF CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE TO NOGALES PRISON, ENTRANCE TO PRISON DENIED WITH REQUEST CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE RETURN TOMORROW. A NUMBER OF HEAVILY ARMED TROOPS WERE SEEN AROUND AND INSIDE PRISON AND SOME EXCITEMENT NOTED BETWEEN PRISON GUARDS AND TROOPS. CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED THIS BY TELEPHONE TO CONSUL GENERAL WHO ASKED HER TO RETURN TO HERMOSILLO.

3. WE SPOKE TO NOGALES PRISON WARDEN ON TELEPHONE WHO ASSURED US THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM NOR IS THERE ANY PROBLEM WITH AMERICAN PRISONERS. HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT ALL PRISONERS WERE BEING HERDED OUT OF THEIR CELLS FOR CHECK TO CONFISCATE REPORTED ARMS AND DRUGS INSIDE WHICH WE ASSURED IS ROUTINE AND OCCURS FROM TIME TO TIME. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT "SHAKEDOWN" ORDERED BECAUSE PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT A MEXICAN PRISONER, WHO ESCAPED FROM PRISON SOME TIME AGO BUT LATER RECAPTURED AND

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RETURNED TO NOGALES PRISON, HAD MANAGED SMUGGLE ARMS INSIDE AND

WAS PLANNING MASS RIOTS AND ESCAPE.

4. NOT KNOWN WHETHER ANY FAMILIES OR FRIENDS OF AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE SIMILARLY REFUSED ENTRANCE AND TURNED AWAY TODAY WITH REQUEST THEY RETURN TO VISIT TOMORROW. IF THERE WERE ANY, IT POSSIBLE THEY HAVE LITTLE OR NO UNDERSTANDING OF WAHT WAS ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE.  
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